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DIRECTORS' MEETING, JANUARY 19-20

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1. FONOFF (GABLENTZ) HAS CONFIRMED INFORMATION IN
REFTEL RE AGENDA FOR THE SUBJECT MEETING. HE EXPECTS
THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL MERELY REVIEW THE
SITUATION IN CYPRUS, SPAIN, AND PORTUGAL AND NOT
UNDERTAKE ANY NEW INITIATIVES IN THESE AREAS. THE
WORKING GROUP ON LATIN AMERICA HAS PRODUCED NOTHING
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OPERATIVE FOR THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS TO ACT ON.

GABLENTZ REPORTS THAT OTHER EC MEMBERS HAVE BEEN RECEPTIVE TOWARD THE FRG'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE EC TRY TO EXPAND COOPERATION WITH ASEAN. HE EXPECTS THE DISCUSSION ON AFRICA TO CENTER ON ANGOLA. HERE THE FRG HAS A CONTINUING INTEREST IN EC ACTION.

2. IN ADDITION TO SUBJECTS MENTIONED REFTTEL, GABLENTZ EXPECTS THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS TO TAKE UP THE TINDEMANS REPORT AND TERRORISM. HE NOTED THAT THE TINDEMANS REPORT IS ADDRESSED TO THE COUNCIL, SO THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL HOLD ONLY AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON IT. (SEE SEPTTEL FOR GABLENTZ' COMMENTS ON THE REPORT.)

3. GABLENTZ SAID THE FRG WILL TRY TO GET THE EC TO BE MORE ACTIVE ON THE SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. NOTING INCREASED FRG CONCERN OVER THIS GENERAL SUBJECT, GABLENTZ SAID THAT THE FRG HOPES TO GAIN EC SUPPORT FOR A CONVENTION LIMITING ASYLUM FOR TERRORISTS. SUCH A CONVENTION WOULD LABEL TERRORIST ACTS NON-POLITICAL CRIMES, THUS SUBJECTING TERRORISTS TO POSSIBLE EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS. THE FRG HOPES FOR UNITED EC SUPPORT FOR SUCH A CONVENTION AT THE NEXT UNGA. THE EC INTERIOR MINISTERS PLAN TO MEET IN FEBRUARY TO EXPLORE MEANS OF EXPANDING PRACTICAL COOPERATION IN COMBATING TERRORISM.
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